13.31 hrs

WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION CESS (AMENDMENT) BILL

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Act, 1977.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is:

> "That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to amend the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Cess Act, 1977."

The motion was adopted

SHRI KAMAL NATH: I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER: Now, Matters under Rule 377.

13.32 hrs

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(I) Need to construct a road over bridge, at Thiruppappuliyur Railway Station in Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu

[English]

SHRI P.P.KALIAPERUMAL (Cuddalore): Thiruppappuliyur is a part of Cuddalore Municipal Town and is also the headquarter of the South Arcot District. It is a selection grade municipal town. The level-crossing near the Thiruppappuliyur Railway Station in Southern Railway is a busy level-crossing. For the facility of the public, construction of a road over bridge in place of the existing busy level-crossing is necessary. The inhabitants of the Cuddalore Municipal Town and the surrounding areas have been demanding a road over bridge for the past two decades. Their demand is genuine and justifiable. But it has not materialised so far. They are suffering in silence.

The Southern Railway has also proposed a road over bridge in replacing the level-crossing for the consideration of the Board. I urge upon the Union Government to include the provision of the above road over bridge in the works programme of 1991-92 and complete the same as early as possible.

(II) Need to upgrade the Gopalpur Minor Port at Arzipalli in Orissa

SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI (Berhampur): The proposal to upgrade the Gopalpur Minor Port set up at Arzipalli in Orissa is long pending with the Central Government. This is a seasonal Port, which operates for only six months in a year. For optimum utilisation of assets already created for catering to the needs of future traffic, it is essential to upgrade the Port. With this aim, the Government of Orissa has submitted an updated Master Plan prepared by the Ocean Engineering Centre, Madras in August 1990. It has also forwarded a project report for obtaining assistance from the Asian Development Bank, if necessary.

According to the studies made by the port and Shipping Sector, the capacity of Paradeep Port will be 24 million tonnes by 2000 A.D. It will not be able to handle the increasing traffic, particularly the entire coal cargo of 35 million tonnes required by the thermal power stations. Thus, it will be desirable to have second outlet at Gopalpur for